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1. Muschiatti, U.S. Patent No. 5,229,432, granted July 20, 1992, pertains to a High Melt Strength PET Polymers For Foam Applications And Methods Relating Thereto.
2. Rotter et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,288,764, granted February 22, 1994, pertains to Increased Throughput In Foaming And Other melt Fabrication Of Polyester.
3. Rotter et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,340,846, granted August 23, 1994, pertains to Increased Throughput In Melt Fabrication And Foaming Of Polyester.
4. Rotter et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,446,111, granted August 29, 1995, pertains to Increased Throughput In Melt Fabrication And Foaming Of Polyester.

5. Rotter et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,536,793, granted July 16, 1996, pertains to Concentrate For Use In The Melt Fabrication Of Polyester.
6. Cahill et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,083,585, granted July 4, 2000, pertains to Oxygen Scavenging Condensation Copolymers For Bottles And Packaging Articles.
7. European Application No. 90111144.3, filed June 13, 1990, Publication No. 0 405 227 A2, published January 2, 1991, of Astro-Valcour Incorporated, pertains to Low Density Foamed Thermoplastic Elastomers.
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9. International Application No. PCT/US97/13073, filed July 24, 1996, International Publication No. WO 98/03580, published January 29, 1998, of E.I. Du Pont De Nemours And Company pertains to a Blowing Agent Blends And Use Thereof In The Preparation Of Polyisocyanate-Base Foams.
10. International Application No. PCT/US94/12169, filed October 25, 1994, International Publication No. WO 95/11802, published May 4, 1995, of E.I. Du Pont De Nemours And Company pertains to Multilayer Sheet Material And Articles Formed Therefrom.
11. International Application No. PCT/US92/02664, filed April 9, 1992, International Publication No. WO 92/18561, published October 29, 1992, of E.I. Du Pont De Nemours And Company pertains to a Method Of Producing An Amorphous Plastic Layer, And Foam Article Thus Produced.
12. International Application No. PCT/US97/15239, filed August 28, 1997, International Publication No. WO 98/08896, published March 5, 1998, of Rutgers, The State University pertains to a Composite Building Materials From Recyclable Waste.
13. Publication: *"A Microcellular Processing Study of Poly (Ethylene Terephthalate) in the Amorphous and Semicrystalline States. Part I: Microcell Nucleation"* by Daniel F. Baldwin of The George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Chul B. Park of Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Toronto and Nam P. Suh of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, published by Polymer Engineering And Science, Mid-June 1996, Vol. 36, No. 11, pages 1437-1440.

14. Publication: "*High-Temperature Reactions of Hydroxyl and Carboxyl PET Chain End Groups in the Presence of Aromatic Phosphite*" by S.M. Aharoni, C.E. Forbes, W.B. Hammond, D.M. Hindenlang, F. Mares, K. O'Brien and R.D. Sedgwick of Chemical Sector Research Laboratory, Analytical Sciences Laboratory and Polymer Laboratory, Allied Corporation, published by Journal of Polymer Science: Part A: Polymer Chemistry, Vol.24, 1986, pages 1281-1296.

15. Publication: "*Plastics Additives Handbook, Stabilizers, Processing aids, Plasticizers, Fillers, Reinforcements, Colorants for Thermoplastics*" by R. Gächter and H. Muller, published by Hanser Publishers (1983).

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